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## **Postponement:**

### **Great Basin Water Co.'s March 18 consumer session in Pahrump rescheduled to April 7; public input to be accepted via phone and written comments**

**Pahrump, Nev.** – The Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (PUCN) has postponed a March 18 consumer session in Pahrump.

The consumer session to hear public comment regarding Great Basin Water Co.'s (GBWC's) application to adjust water and sewer rates for its Pahrump division has been rescheduled to April 7 at 6 p.m. and will be conducted as a telephone conference call. Due to recent actions and pronouncements from the federal government and Governor Steve Sisolak on social distancing regarding the spread of COVID-19, the Commission will accept public comments via a telephone call-in line rather than holding an in-person consumer session. The public also may submit written comments via e-mail at [BPA@puc.nv.gov](mailto:BPA@puc.nv.gov) or mail comments to the Commission at either of its offices: 9075 W. Diablo, Suite 250, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89148, or 1150 E. William St., Carson City, Nevada, 89701-3109. Written comments must be submitted no later than April 17, 2020.

The call-in number for public comment on April 7 is: 872-239-8405; when prompted, please type in the following conference ID: 822 959 692#.

In the general rate case application (Docket 19-12029), proposed changes result in an estimated overall water service revenue requirement increase of 7.9% annually (\$321,533) and a 3.52% increase (\$117,729) in the sewer revenue requirement.

According to GBWC's application, the monthly fixed water charge for residential 1-inch meters would increase from \$23.89 to \$25.66 (7.41%). The company proposes to increase residential and commercial water usage charges approximately 7.41%. Monthly residential sewer rates for 1-inch meters would increase from \$46.24 to \$47.92 (3.63%).

In its application, GBWC says the proposed increases are driven primarily by new plant facilities, operating and maintenance expenses GBWC incurs to provide water and sewer services to its customers, and the allowance for it to earn a reasonable return on the funds shareholders have invested in the company. Based on the evidence presented in the case, the PUCN may approve rates as proposed, or decrease or increase rates as necessary to ensure rates are just and reasonable.

The consumer session is scheduled via telephone call-in:

**Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at 6 p.m.**

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In addition to PUCN Regulatory Operations Staff, representatives from the Nevada Attorney General's Bureau of Consumer Protection (BCP) and GBWC will be available during the telephone call.

Public comment may be limited to five minutes per speaker. Individuals with questions regarding the consumer session can contact the PUCN at (702) 486-7210. The public notice for the consumer session also can be found at [puc.nv.gov](http://puc.nv.gov). Go to the Consumers section on the home page and select the Consumer Sessions link.

Hearings on this application are scheduled for May 29, 2020, and June 9, 2020, at the PUCN via videoconferencing between the Carson City and Las Vegas offices. Live video of the hearings will be available on the PUCN website ([puc.nv.gov](http://puc.nv.gov)).

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